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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Alexander AULBACH

Title: RETAINING DEVICE

Appl. No.: 10/024,516

Filing Date: December 21, 2001

Examiner: R. Ilan

Art Unit: 3616

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Mail Stop AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☐ Small Entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a previous assertion of Small Entity status.

☐ Assertion of Small Entity status is enclosed.

☒ The fee required for additional claims is calculated below:

	Claims As Amended		Previously Paid For		Extra Claims Present		Rate		Additional Claims Fee
Total Claims:	22	-	24	=	0	x	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independent Claims:	2	-	3	=	0	x	\$86.00	=	\$0.00
First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims:		+					\$290.00	=	\$0.00
CLAIMS FEE TOTAL									\$0.00

☒ Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$110.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$420.00	\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$950.00	\$950.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,480.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$2,010.00	\$0.00
EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:			\$950.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Statutory Disclaimer Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d):	\$110.00	\$0.00
CLAIMS, EXTENSION AND DISCLAIMER FEE TOTAL:			\$950.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):		\$0.00
TOTAL FEE:			\$950.00

☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0741 in the amount of \$950.00. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.

☒ A check in the amount of \$950.00 is enclosed.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

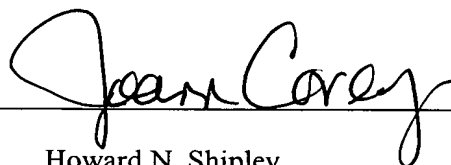
Respectfully submitted,

Date

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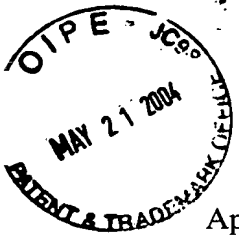
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the non-final Office Action mailed November 24, 2003. Applicant encloses a Petition for an Extension of Time to make this response timely.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this document.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this document.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 9 of this document and include attached replacement sheets.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows:

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